

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 8 year Old Laurie (29).jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1700120.076

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Wellington District Court

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 17 May 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children persons for sexual purposes and is therefore deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. It is an explicit record of a young child being sexually abused, and evidence of her rape and the infliction of extreme cruelty involved. The publication normalises and encourages a sexual interest in children, and is intended for the sexual arousal and gratification of people with a prurient interest in children. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.